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1. (U) Local press reported on April 18 that the
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has developed a

new inspection and training plan centered on improving the quality of labor inspection. The objective of the program is to create safer and more secure working conditions by encouraging companies to comply more strictly with current labor regulations. The new inspection plan also better conforms with the International Labour Organization's Labour Inspection Convention No. 81. The plan envisages hiring 440 new labor inspectors by the end of 2005, technical training for inspectors in line with international standards, developing their ability to advise the companies being inspected on the most effective means of complying with the labor law, and increased automation of the inspection process by utilizing high-tech equipment. The UAE labor law requires that companies be inspected twice annually or as often as necessary to ensure the effective application of regulations.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: This new inspection plan demonstrates a continuing commitment on part of the UAEG to comply with international labor standards. It also comes on the heels of the disappointing amnesty program which so far has failed to live up to expectations. (See reftel). Though the proposed program is ostensibly about improving labor conditions and transferring technical knowledge from inspectors to businesses, an important secondary consideration of inspections is cracking down on illegal workers who do not take advantage of the amnesty. By publicizing broadly the intentions of the government to implement a comprehensive new inspection plan, the Ministry is also broadcasting loudly that it intends to crack down on illegal labor and the companies that hire such workers. End comment.

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